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For: **TETRAKISFLUOROALKYLBORATE SALTS AND THEIR USE AS CONDUCTING SALTS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1
6. (Amended) The tetrakisfluoroalkylborate salts according to claim 4, characterized in that A represents a 5- or 6-membered aromatic residue optionally including nitrogen and/or sulfur and/or oxygen atoms, or a preferably 5- or 6-membered cycloalkyl residue, preferably a phenyl or pyridine residue.

A2
8. (Amended) The tetrakisfluoroalkylborate salts according to claim 1, characterized in that each of the ligands R are the same, representing (C_xF_{2x+1}) , with x = 1 or 2.